GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend to facilitate the research and experimental works in Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicines;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a commission of experts for proper functioning of this system;

(c) the amount spent on import of modern medicines during 1999-2000; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned by exporting Indian system of Medicines during the same period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a)&(b) The Government is already facilitating research and experimental work in Ayurvedic & Unani medicines through its research councils. However, the expertise and advice of experts is obtained from time to time to see that the out come of research is of value to the general public and emerging problems.

(c) As per record available with Dte.GHS, the finished formulations imported into the country during April 1999 to December 1999 is about Rs. 450 crores.

(d) The Director General of Foreign Trade has informed that the data for 1999-2000 is not available.